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Mr. John D. Hoskins
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Dear Mr. Hoskins,

As a Missourian, I am immensely proud of the men and women of our state who serve in our nation's Guard and Reserve military forces. Together, we face the challenge of keeping our nation, our state, and our communities safe from the threat of terrorists and others who would do us harm.

Guardsmen and Reservists from around the Show-Me State are truly special public servants who commit their time and energy both to the government and to their employers. Many of these citizen soldiers are avid sportsmen and women who have utilized Missouri's premier hunting and fishing environment, and they have likely purchased a license from the Missouri Department of Conservation that will go unused during Missouri's hunting and fishing seasons.

As a member of the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus, I encourage you and members of the Conservation Commission to offer a free extension of hunting and fishing licenses to members of our Armed Forces who have been called to military duty. These brave men and women have left their jobs and families in defense of our nation. By affording this small benefit to our sportsmen and women serving abroad, we can begin to thank them for the many sacrifices they have made to protect the quality of life we cherish as Americans.

I look forward to hearing back from you in the near future. With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



IKE SKELTON
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